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Ultimate Frisbee tonight

Fellowship for Christian Athletes will sponsor an Ultimate Frisbee game under the lights of Walston-Hoover Stadium at 9 tonight. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. For more information contact Nicholas.Schauf @wartburg.edu.

Habitat for Humanity house to be dedicated Saturday

The first Habitat for Humanity house built in Waverly will be dedicated at 11 a.m. Saturday. The house is at 416 17th St. N.W. The family purchasing the house especially invites volunteers, contributors and neighbors. Those who attend the dedication can meet the house's new owners, tour the house and enjoy refreshments.

Wartburg West meeting

An informational meeting for Wartburg West will be in Buckmaster tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Get information on classes, internships and finances. Students unable to attend the meeting can talk to Nelson Bock, co-director of Wartburg West, today, tomorrow and Wednesday in the Student Center. For more information visit www.wartburg.edu/wwest2.

QUICK FACTS

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Oct. 22, 1962, President John F. Kennedy announced to the nation that U.S. spy planes had discovered Soviet missile bases in Cuba. This led to the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Oct. 26, 1881, Pablo Picasso, one of the most influential artists of the 20th century, was born in Málaga, Spain. The work of Picasso comprises more than 50,000 paintings, drawings, engravings, sculptures and ceramics produced over an 80-year period.

Homecoming highlights

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

Warm temperatures helped to make Wartburg's Homecoming 2003 a success.

Events began Thursday with Kastle Kapers, which featured hit student performances such as junior Katie Rapp's traditional Irish step dance as well as the reformatted version of Bulbous Bouffant sung by seniors Marcus Knecht, Chris Lee and Nate Stalheim.

Junior Emily Carson, last year's Battle of the Unsigned Artists winner, played the guitar while singing her original composition "Tonight." Freshman Akeem Carter generated cheers from the audience with his human beat box sounds.

This year's Homecoming king and queen were announced after Thursday's Kastle Kapers show. Seniors Matt Stoffel and Sarah Tuttle received their crowns and robes from 2002 Homecoming royalty Austin Robertson and Ann Willhoite.

A pep rally followed in the PEC. Entertainment included senior Steve Bubb's comedic impersonation of a hypnotist. Ten students were "hypnotized" and later asked to perform several acts, including making fun of students attending other Iowa Conference schools.

Prize money was awarded in increments of $75, $50 and $25 to the winners of the banners and windows contests. In the windows category, the Forensics Team won first with their stained glass motif on the Konditorei windows. The Residence South Hall Suite 107 took second, and the Waverly Manor's Chellevold House was third.

Crowd Control's banner earned first place, International Club took second and Artist Guild won third.

Crystal Tews/TRUMPET

Wartburg Men's Highland Dance Team prance in the Homecoming parade. Choreographer Brandon Newton is joined by, left to right, seniors Ryan Schaefer, Nick Schauf, Newton's brother Evan, Jack Johnson (not seen) and Casey Toops (not seen).

The annual Early Morning Knight Run/Walk kicked off Saturday's festivities. Seventy-six individuals participated in the 5-kilometer course. Prizes were awarded in eight categories for both males and females. The fastest overall female was Lisa Hughes '84 with a time of 20:07 and fastest male was Wayne McClintoc '85, finishing with a time of 16:54.

Forty floats were entered in the Homecoming Parade along Bremer Avenue. Judges awarded the International Club float first place, Ambassadors float second and Student Senate third. For the International Club, an international student from each of the 35 countries represented on campus carried his or her native country's flag.

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Former men's vocal group returns

By ALLISON SCHMIDT
Staff Writer

Audience members roared with applause at Friday's Kastle Kapers in Neumann Auditorium following the performance of Serenade, an a cappella group consisting of five Wartburg alumni.

After five years apart, Eric Allen '98, Ben Anderson '98, Matthew Armstrong '98, Michael Van Gorkom '99 and Andrew Vickers '99 teamed up again for the special performance, re-introducing their distinctive 50's and 60's doo-wop and gospel style to campus. Although the members have kept in contact, they haven't performed together since graduation in 1998. The group's recorded CD, Finally, was released at that time.

The Serenade members returned to Wartburg last week for the 2003 Homecoming festivities, including a five-year class reunion for some members.

"We were thrilled the college invited us to be a part of this," said Armstrong, first tenor. "When we're spread across the country, it's difficult to get together."

The group formed at orientation during their first year at Wartburg in 1995. Allen, Anderson, Van Gorkom and Vickers decided to put a group together for the orientation variety show, and from that Serenade was born. Armstrong joined later in the year, and the quintet soon became a well-known and popular performing group on campus.

During their years at Wartburg, the group sang for church events, coffeehouses and numerous college functions and presidential dinners. The group also toured across the United States during May Term for six weeks during their junior year.

"We grew a lot and improved at that point in time," Armstrong said.

Kastle Kapers was always a favorite for the group, "so it's good to be back for that after five years," Allen said. The group arranged all of its own music, which included mostly 50's and 60's doo-wop as well as gospel. They usually practiced once a week and more often when tours and Kastle Kapers were approaching. They found innovative places to practice on campus, including the stairwells and bathrooms of Luther Hall.

Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

Serenade, Wartburg's former men's a capella group, performed at Friday's Kastle Kapers. The five are alumni and have recorded a CD.

Returning to their alma mater this weekend brought back many fond memories of their college years. The group quickly noticed numerous changes that have occurred throughout campus.

"We don't recognize the place," Armstrong said. "It's fantastic. I'm so grateful for my days at Wartburg. The support we received from the Wartburg community was tremendous; we're thrilled to be back."

"I'm very thankful for all Wartburg's support over our time on campus and beyond," Allen said. "I have nothing but the fondest memories of our years here."

See *'Men's vocal group returns'* continued on Page 4

Taking intolerance all the way

By PAUL FORSYTH
Columnist

After reading last week's edition of the Trumpet, I would like to go on record as throwing my support to the ideas expressed in Matt Townsley's column "Get full truth with intolerance." All of it except for one thing. Mr. Townsley didn't really follow his ideas all the way through to their logical conclusions. Simply put, he stopped short.

I don't know much about relativism, but this intolerance thing is an idea to consider seriously. After all, as Mr. Townsley cites, God can be pretty intolerant at times. (If you don't believe me, look at Jonah 3:10.) And I, for one, certainly wouldn't disagree with God. Or a man of God like Mr. Townsley.

Historical evidence supports this. Several men of God rightly condemned Galileo for promoting his superstitious rubbish about the Earth traveling around the sun. They all knew he was wrong, so why should they put up with him?

So, as Mr. Townsley implies, I will no longer stand for "the open-minded/tolerance phenomenon . . . in higher education." I'm following the lead of all the aforementioned men of God. I simply will not be listening to any more of Dr. Figura's planetary mumbo jumbo during Astronomy class. If you're reading this, Dr. Figura, don't bother to grade the test I took last week. I don't plan to tolerate any grade you try to give me.

Mr. Townsley is right. We do need more intolerance in our culture today. As such, I will volunteer to serve as an example for the rest of campus. From now on, I will no longer tolerate people who are wrong, members of the golf team, white shoes after Labor Day, people who don't understand references to Kathleen Turner movies, dumb broads, people who think Velveeta is cheese, Mexicans and sentences that end with prepositions. I will be someone to take note of.

Better yet, our new intolerance movement needs a true hero. A poster child. I'm too new at this to be a real leader of men. (No women allowed, by the way. I don't want to have to put up with them.) Mr. Townsley suggested Jesus as a role model, but Jesus is a little old-fashioned for what we're doing now. Nothing Jesus said has ever been relevant in my life. (Check out Luke 10:25-37—Welcome to planet Mars!) We need somebody the kids can relate to. Somebody hip. Somebody a little more modern. Like Hitler.

Seriously, who needs the Jews? Besides bagels, Steven Spielberg, and the first half of the Bible (the boring half), what have the Jews ever given us?

If any of you disagree, please feel free to respond to my e-mail address at the bottom of this column. Of course, I won't read any such thing, so you might as well not bother. I have no tolerance for differing opinions.

I certainly hope that all of this is following the true spirit of Mr. Townsley's column. All I did was think it through to the logical next step. He did the real work on this one.

We have been shown a better way. I think that some thanks are in order. So, the next time any of you loyal readers see Mr. Matt Townsley, let him know how much you all tolerate him and his wonderful ideas.

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Esteem each other as individuals

By DELFORD DOHERTY
Columnist

As a reader and a columnist of the Trumpet, which is one of the major medium of campus awareness, I want to express my disappointment over Matt Townsley's article "Get full truth with intolerance" that I read in last week's issue.

According to the pieces that I gathered from this article, the writer claims the existence of *absolute truths* and how he suggests they can be maintained by intolerance which he blatantly said is right, God-inspired and needed in our society today.

As an ambassador for diversity working in the International Club, I find this very much against the ideals of multicultural understanding which I believe we should strive for in our cultural system.

We all know that *absolute truths* exist in the sense that the sky is, and will always be, apart from the seas; or if I should say so, that the world has, and will never be, a homogeneous society in which all things will look orange or black. Looking across our small campus should be a constant reminder of this fact. It is absolute that we differ greatly in our religious beliefs, ethnicity and even in our perception of things. However, does approaching such differences (which are absolutely true) with intolerance make our society a better place... stop and think it over!

The suggestion by the writer, "intolerance is right, God-inspired and needed in our society" left me gasping for breath. I thought our generation had a better understanding about the clear and present dangers of intolerance.

It was amazing how the writer used the Bible to justify his conservative views by openly expressing that Jesus Christ was the most intolerant person to live on earth. This makes me wonder whether the writer really understands Jesus. Was it not Christ who dined in the House of Zacchaeus even though he realized that he was a tax collector who plundered God's people? Did He not say 'do not judge'? It was clearly stated in the Holy Bible that Jesus came for the sinners not for the perfect. He died so that we can be forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness. This act of proclaiming self righteousness by being intolerant to other people seems more fanatical than conservative to me.

Before concluding I would like you to make it crystal clear that I do believe in absolute truths and understand the fact that extreme circumstances exist in which we are called as individuals to express our views without compromise. Do not misunderstand me because I am only suggesting that situations occur in which we should be firm in our views, while at the same time, being respectful to others.

I do not agree with the idea of being tolerant to people. I believe that tolerating people does not necessarily mean we accept or value them. Tolerating people still leaves a gap which continues to be a constant reminder of the wall between us. What is needed in our society today is not any form of intolerance or ethnocentrism. We need to *esteem* people irrespective of who they are, where they are from or what they believe in. For a long time we have been taught to tolerate each other and have realized that it has not taken us any further. I am therefore suggesting that we stop the ridiculous idea of tolerating people and start *esteeming* each other as individuals. Love thy neighbor as thy self.

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

As an ambassador, I conduct tours for prospective students. This morning I was guiding one such tour when suddenly an orange sign with the word "HOMCOMING" on it jumped from the door and began to attack! After the sign left me with a bloody nose and a black eye, it continued its assault on the prospective students and their families who were right behind me. The scene reminded me of an old kung-fu movie, maybe even something I once saw on "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." The assault by the orange piece of paper left me slightly embarrassed, I mean, how could someone at Wartburg College, one of the finest (and probably most expensive) liberal arts colleges in the nation, have spelled "homecoming" incorrectly? My only hope rested in the idea that maybe no one saw the sign except me. The tour continued to the PEC where, in huge letters (somewhere in the area of a font size of two million), someone hand-crafted the schedule for homecoming. Let me tell you, I'm really looking forward to Sunday's "chaple" service. If my prospective students missed that spelling mistake, then they still would have yet another opportunity to see Wartburg College in all of its spelling glory as we were headed to the Student Center towards "Dinning services." If I was an alumni who had come back this weekend for "homcoming," I surely would be proud of everything that our school has become.

Amanda Schmieder '06

To the editor:

After reading Matt Townsley's article, there were many issues that concerned me. However, I think what bothered me the most about this article was not so much the main points the author raised, as it was the actual writing style. The author seemed unable or perhaps afraid to explore the fact that there is another side to his argument. There are people who would claim that tolerance is a necessary part in belonging to any community, and if we are going to strive to live effectively in this world, we must respect that each person has the right to his or her own ideas of truth even if it contradicts with his or her own. While I may not agree with Matt Townsley on many of his points, I acknowledge that he has the right to his own beliefs. His inability to explore the other side of this argument greatly concerns me and makes me very sad. It is necessary for each of us to have strong opinions in our own lives; this shapes us into the people we are. However, I feel it is wrong to say that all people must believe my own truths. I feel called to live my life with strong convictions but also with the understanding that there is another side to every argument I present and every ideal I hold to be true. I cannot grow stronger in my own beliefs without first exploring the other side. This is tolerance and this is how I choose to be.

Beth Staniforth '04

To the editor:

A few short hours after the Oct. 13 edition of the Trumpet was released, I was already engaged in my fourth discussion about Matt Townsley's editorial on intolerance. Many of the people I have talked with are highly offended by the article, but, ironically, are taking a stance of intolerance themselves. Admittedly, I cannot remember a time in the last four years when I myself have agreed with Townsley on a political or theological issue. You can imagine my surprise when I found myself defending his position. Well, parts of it, at least. I was initially hung up on the word "intolerance." Rarely does this term carry a positive connotation; I would not be flattered if someone called me intolerant. But, in certain situations, I realize that it is applicable. For example, I will not tolerate the gross violation of an individual's natural rights, and I plan on spending the remainder of my life working to bring about peace and social justice. For this, I am not ashamed. However, I see a distinct difference between intolerance of a particular issue, event or trend and being a wholly intolerant person. In the book of Ephesians, Chapter 4, the apostle Paul instructs the Church to "lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." I cannot think of a situation in which it is possible to "bear with one another in love" without the presence of tolerance and understanding. Jesus did not tolerate the desecration of the temple, but imagine the tolerance he must have had in order to associate almost exclusively with the outcasts, and to deal with the seemingly constant misunderstanding of His disciples. No, Jesus did not preach a Gospel of intolerance. Rather, He teaches us to daily live lives dictated by love. "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Heidi Schramm '03

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Afghan woman to speak about role in home country

Farooka Gauhari

An Afghan woman will speak at Wartburg at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in Neumann Auditorium.

Farooka Gauhari will share personal stories from her life during the convocation address. In 1997, she became the first Afghan woman to publish an English memoir in book form. The memoir touches on everything from growing up female in an increasingly repressive Islamic society to the fear of living in the United States because of her Muslim ties.

Gauhari will openly discuss the decreasing role of women in Afghan politics, the search for her missing husband, the feeling of watching her home country collapse and her decision to take her family and leave her country, where she once worked as an American agent.

The Wartburg College Convocation Series will feature several more renowned speakers throughout the academic year, including Carl Raye's one-man show Jan. 20 and columnist Jeff Cohen March 9. Both begin at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium and are open to the public.

Courtesy of Communication and Marketing

Board of Regents discuss issues

Ohle says 'right sizing' enrollment numbers should be considered

By NATE KERL
Editor-in-Chief

The Wartburg Board of Regents met Thursday and Friday about financial issues, the Grossmann addition, the new diversity plan and enrollment numbers at Wartburg. One of the main issues discussed was what President Jack R. Ohle calls "right sizing."

"We need to know the number (of students) we should be considering," Ohle said. "What can the faculty handle, the library, our facilities? Those are very good discussions to have."

Ohle said that the board agenda also included discussion of the new Grossmann addition, which is being built by Cardinal Construction of Waterloo.

"It'll be nice to have the academic department together with the dorm," Ohle said. "It goes back to the living and learning center– back to the 1880s when Old Main was a dorm and classrooms."

Ohle said the concept for the new addition is good. He also noted the beginning of such activities with language suites this year in Grossmann Hall. The suites have native speakers matched up with similar language majors.

The board also went over a new diversity plan set up by the Global and Multicultural Studies committee, chaired by Kim Folkers, associate professor of marketing, and Dr. Janice Yee, professor of economics.

Some board members met in smaller meetings to discuss campus financial issues.

The board meets three times yearly in October, February and May. Tuition prices for 2004 are likely to be discussed in February.

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Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

SECRETS OF THE TRADE – "Black Hawk Down" author Mark Bowden shares a moment with Dr. Kathryn Koob, lecturer in communication arts, and about 15 students in the library Wednesday afternoon. Bowden was on campus to interview Koob who was a hostage in Iran.

Slam poet to visit Wartburg

By CHRISSY BERLIN
Assistant News Editor

Gemineye, a slam poet from New Jersey, will be on campus at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Konditorei. This event is sponsored by Entertainment ToKnight (ETK) and is free and open to the public.

Senior Ingrid Prenger, ETK president, explained slam poetry as a combination of poetry and rhythm. Gemineye uses the beat of music to make the rhythm of the poetry, she said.

"(People) should expect to have fun and see or hear a different way of expressing poetry," said Ben Brady, an ETK executive.

"We are looking forward to exposing others to slam poetry," Prenger added. "There is not a lot of that around the Midwest."

She said the poet's content is generally not offensive and rates it as "PG."

ETK first heard of Gemineye when "his agency was at a National Association for Campus Activities conference we (ETK) went to," Brady said. After the group heard his performance, they decided to bring him to campus.

Past events at Wartburg including the game show "Tune In," rock band "Cider," guitarist "Bari Koral" and mind-readers "The Evasons" were also booked at the conference.

Future events include comedian C. Willie Myles Nov. 11, comedian and emcee of "Battle of the Unsigned Artists" Craig Carmean Jan. 17 and soul and pop singer Chinua Hawk Jan. 27.

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Three qualify for Forensics nationals

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

The Wartburg Forensics Team competed at the Mankato Swing tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Mankato, Minn. It placed second overall and had three members qualify for the American Forensics Association (AFA) national tournament.

Hiliary Baethke, Erika Quade and Tiffany Flowers qualified to compete at the national tournament in Long Beach, Calif., in April.

The Swing tournament consisted of two competitions. The team finished third overall at the competition at Mankato State and finished fourth overall at Bethany Lutheran College. Baethke took second overall.

Individual highlights at Mankato State included Baethke's winning performance in communication analysis, and Flowers took first place in poetry. At Bethany Lutheran College, Baethke finished third overall, which included a second and third place finish in communication analysis and impromptu speech, respectively. Quade placed first in communication analysis, and Flowers took second in poetry.

Wartburg's Forensics Team will also host two tournaments this school year. The Mid-American Forensics League tournament will be on campus Saturday. Ten to 15 teams from throughout the Midwest are expected to attend. Wartburg and the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) will co-host another tournament at UNI the third weekend in January. Fifteen to 20 teams plan to compete.

"I am very pleased with our performance so far this year," sophomore Vanessa Moore said. "With all the great people here on the team, I am very confident that we will bring a lot of recognition to the Wartburg campus."

In addition to competitions, the team will be doing other shows. These include a Halloween program for kindergartners at the Waverly Public Library Oct. 31, a special presentation to honor St. Elizabeth at the Wartburg Chapel Nov. 2 and a holiday show at the Waverly Public Library Dec. 9.

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Teeter-totter-athon begins Wednesday

By JESSICA NYSTEL
Staff Writer

Lambda Pi Eta will kick off its annual teeter-totter-athon noon Wednesday to raise funds for the Cedar Valley Friends of the Family organization. The event will conclude at noon Thursday.

Participants will ride a teeter-totter throughout the 24-hour period underneath the walkway between the Fine Arts Center and the Chapel.

All funds will go to Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, a women's and children's shelter.

Dr. Penni Pier, Lambda Pi Eta adviser, said the group hopes to raise at least $500 for the shelter.

Lambda Pi Eta is currently working with local businesses and organizations to sponsor the event.

Students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to participate. Those interested can sign up in the communication arts office for a half-hour time slot or stop by the donation box set out during the teeter-totter-athon.

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"Orange you glad..."

Highlights from this year's Homecoming Week

Far left bottom Senior Steve Bubb plays hypnotist tojuniors Tammy Jo Anderson and Adam Haight at the pep rally Thursday.

Jessica Pfeiffer/TRUMPET

Far left top Kuff and Amado, graffiti artists, spraypaint a mural Saturday at the Renaissance Faire.

Amanda Webb/TRUMPET

Left Homecoming King and Queen Matt Stoffel and Sarah Tuttle ride in the parade Saturday.

Molly Richards/TRUMPET

Ben Shanno/TRUMPET

Left center Freshman Akeem Carter is a human beat box at Thursday at Kastle Kapers.

Molly Richards/TRUMPET

Above Karris Golden, writer/editor of communication and marketing, leads the Knight Riders in the parade Friday.

Men's vocal group returns

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"It's nice to relive it a little bit," Allen said.

The members of Serenade currently live throughout Iowa and the United States.

Vickers earned his bachelor's degree in music education. He is now a middle school music teacher and lives in DeWitt with his wife Krista.

Armstrong also graduated with a bachelor's degree in music education. He currently lives in Marion with his wife Shelly. Armstrong is director of Collage Vocal Show Ensemble at Coe College. He is also a private voice teacher and sings with the gospel group The Marshalls. He is working on a master's of music education at Vandercook College of Music in Chicago.

Tenor Van Gorkom earned a degree in electronic media and music. He now lives in Santa Monica, Calif., where he is an interface designer at Fandango.com. His favorite a cappella group is the Goldtones.

Eric Allen graduated in 1998 with a degree in Journalism and Public Relations. He lives in San Francisco where he works in public relations. He also sings in a 15-member a cappella group named The Richter Scales in San Francisco.

Anderson is the lead singer of the group and adds the only percussion to the group's performance on tambourine. He earned a degree in biology/pre-med from Wartburg. Anderson and his wife Erin currently live in Nashville, Tenn., where he is a singer/songwriter.

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GATHERING TOGETHER – The Class of '53, far left, gathers outside Old Main for "A Time of Remembrance," the program held on Friday to honor those from the class of '53 who have passed away.

Photo courtesy of the Archives.

TRAVELING TRADITION – The Wartburg Choir, left, poses in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. The 53-member choir toured the East Coast in 1953.

By AMANDA WEBB
Features Editor

Orange you glad for the memories? That is what the Wartburg class of '53 celebrated this weekend as they gathered for their fiftieth class reunion.

The reunion activities began at noon on Friday with a Warm-Up Luncheon. In the afternoon, the class had a short program, "A Time of Remembrance," for those of their classmates who had passed away. 38 orange and black balloons were released in memory of the deceased.

The festivities continued on Saturday as members of the class rode in the Homecoming Parade and met again at 11:30 in the Chapel Commons for the reunion dinner.

Class members were surprised to see changes on campus.

"It has changed a lot since we were here," said Russ Mueller, '53.

Many of the buildings that are now a part of campus had not been built yet.

"The campus was just beginning a major expansion when the Class of '53 graduated," Linda Moeller, director of communication & marketing, said.

Housing was an issue back then, as it is now. The only women's residence hall was Wartburg Hall. It housed 100 students, the Den, the bookstore and the post office. Men had two residence halls: North Hall, which stood on Clinton Field and also housed the dining hall, and Grossmann Hall, now known as Founders Hall.

Some houses were residences for students. Other students boarded with local families. Keith Beaver, '53, lived with former Dean Earnest A. Oppermann's family.

"I lived in Dean Oppermann's basement. My freshman year the Cedar River flooded, and the water was almost up to the mattress," Beaver said.

Another housing option was the trailer court.

"There was a trailer court for married couples where the library stands now. My wife and I lived there for two years, and our son was born there," Mueller said.

New additions to the campus at that time were the south wing of Luther Hall, Knights Gymnasium and the president's house, now the center of the Residence.

Not only does campus look very different from fifty years ago, but the number of students and faculty has significantly increased.

"Enrollment was 760 in 1952-53, with more men than women. Today we have 1,775 students with more women than men. The college was growing. There were 87 seniors, 96 juniors, 166 sophomores and 238 freshmen. The full-time faculty was about half as big as today," Moeller said.

Another change to campus was the atmosphere.

"Wartburg was a lot more conservative back then. We had to fight and fight to have a dance on campus. Finally, our junior or senior year, they gave in," Mueller said.

"Wartburg Hall had a curfew back then. Freshmen women had to be in by 9 p.m., seniors by 10 p.m.," Beaver said.

Despite the conservative atmosphere, students still enjoyed themselves.

"We played sports and studied hard. We made our own fun," Ed Kittleson, '53, said.

Some traditions were a bit different 50 years ago. According to Moeller, freshmen orientation "was much more of an ordeal in those days." Freshmen students were required to wear beanies and to "button," or bow to upperclassmen. Freshmen's shoes were taken and piled up with the laces tied together. Some freshmen had to polish upperclassmen's shoes, while others were randomly recruited to carry books or perform random acts of manual labor. A few luckless freshmen faced the "Kangaroo Kort," a group of upperclassmen that dealt strange punishments. One student, Dan Voecks, was punished to "fish for whales" in the entrance to the Waverly theater using a fishing pole and a bucket.

Remember the $50 fine for being in the fountain? It didn't exist when the class of '53 attended Wartburg.

"We called the fountain "the fishpond." They used to throw people in it when they got engaged," Beaver said.

One thing about Wartburg that hasn't changed is the friendliness of the students and the faculty.

"Wartburg was very friendly and nice. It had great teachers and great people here, which makes for a great education," Beaver said.

"I think it's remarkable that the same spirit that characterized the Wartburg campus in 1953 remains today. Even though the size of the campus and the number of students have more than doubled, Wartburg is still recognized as a warm and friendly place, where people say "hi," where the campus community is active and involved and where professors really care about their students," Moeller said.

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OLD PALS – Russell Mueller and Ed Kittleson, above, reminisce on the campus mall about playing football and baseball together. Kittleson, left, and Mueller, below left, as they appeared in the 1953 Fortress senior class section.

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Below – A balloon drifts in front of Old Main as a part of "A Time of Remembrance." 38 balloons were released for the deceased from the class of '53.

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REUNION ACTIVITIES – The class of '53 as they ride in the Homecoming Parade.

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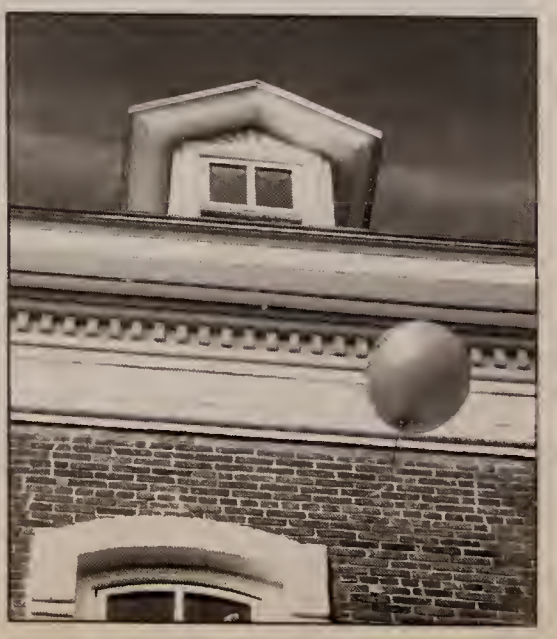
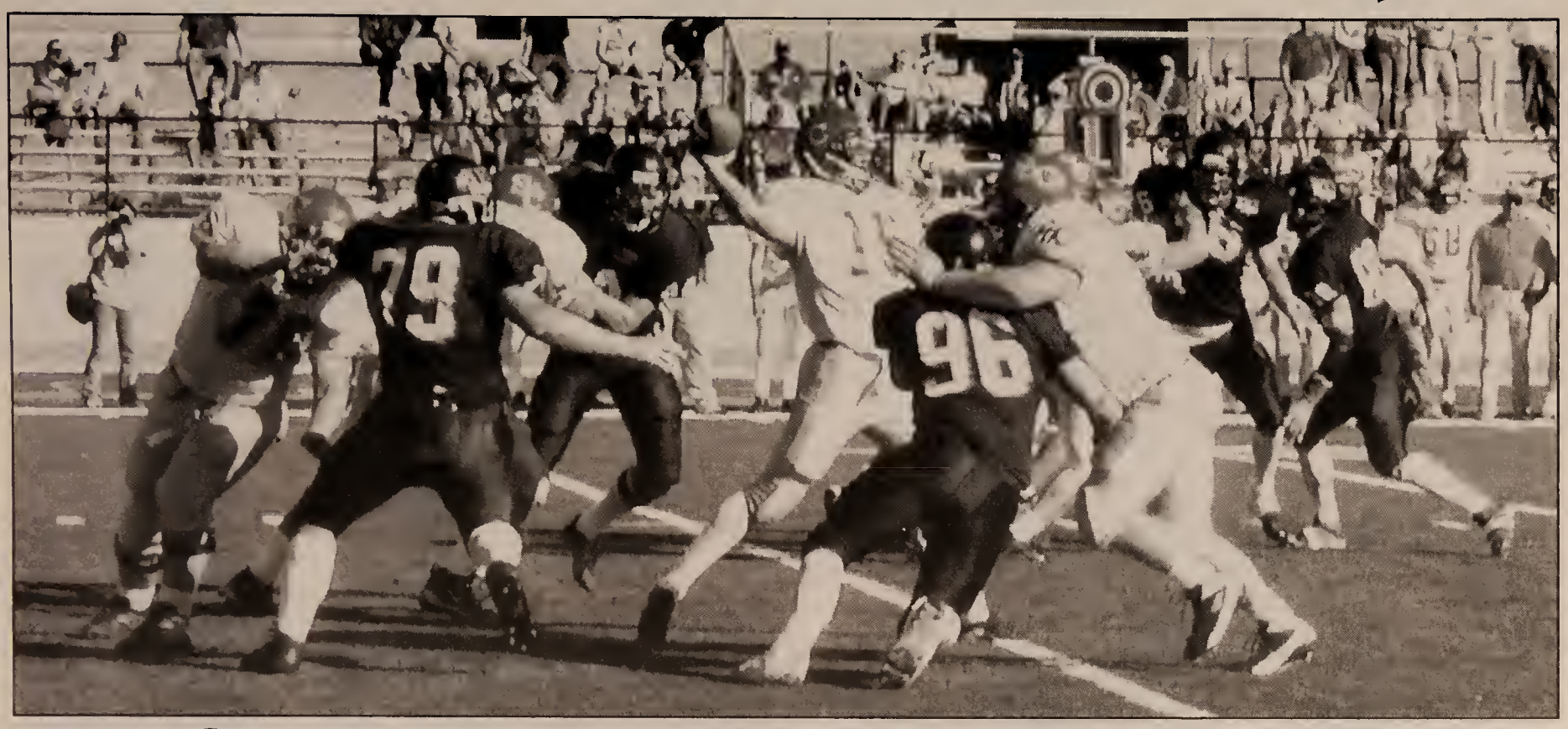
NO, IT'S NOT A CONSTRUCTION CREW – Freshmen dig holes as a part of freshmen orientation in 1952.





Defense sacks Storm attack

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Sports Writer

No. 7-ranked Wartburg football had an obvious strategy for the 2003 Homecoming game Saturday against Simpson: defense, defense and more defense.

Defense, combined with some big special teams plays, led to a 21-10 Wartburg victory, giving the Knights the inside track to the Iowa Conference title.

"Today the defenses on both sides came out on top," head coach Rick Willis said. "It was a good football game. Two good football teams battled hard with a lot at stake. We were fortunate to find a way to get this thing done."

In a battle of the remaining undefeated teams in the Iowa Conference, the Knight defense set a single-game school record with ten sacks of Storm quarterback Mike Donnenwerth.

"I think the pressure we put on [Donnenwerth] was a big key," Willis said. "He wasn't able to make the big plays. We didn't let him get comfortable. Our focus during the week was to do just that, and our guys did a good job of getting it done."

The tempo of the game was set right from the start with a scoreless first quarter. Simpson opened the scoring on the second play of the second quarter when it made a 26-yard field goal. It appeared the Knights were ready to answer with their own field goal, but the kick missed wide left.

Setting up the first touchdown of the game, Wartburg's special teams came through with its first big play of the day. The Knights forced Simpson into a punting situation, and junior Jake Burns blocked the kick, giving the offense the ball at the Simpson seven yard line. Three plays later sophomore Ben Thomsen pounded the ball in, giving Wartburg a 7-3 lead.

The Knight special teams struck again, this time coming through with a big play off junior Mark Giesmann's punt. The Simpson returner paid dearly for choosing not to call a fair catch. He fumbled after getting pummeled by freshman Reggie Doby. Junior Adam Pirkl fell on the loose ball at the Simpson 4-yard line, and the Knights were back in business. Senior Brad Hodapp scored the touchdown, plunging in from one yard out on fourth down to make the score 14-3.

"We spent some more time on our kicking game, and it showed," Willis said. "Any time you can set your offense up in position like that, it's a huge play."

The defenses controlled the third quarter, with neither team getting past the other's 33-yard line.

The Knight offense finally put a drive together in the fourth quarter when junior Andy Parker scored on an 8-yard run to cap off an eight-play 80-yard drive.

But the Storm weren't about to lie down. After a couple of stalled drives, Simpson finally cracked the Knight defense, scoring on a 30-yard pass closing the gap to 21-10.

Wartburg recovered the ensuing onside kick and tried to run out the clock. But on fourth-and-two on the Simpson 33-yard line, sophomore quarterback Reed Hoskins was sacked for a 14-yard loss, giving the Storm excellent field position.

Simpson drove to the Wartburg 32-yard line before the drive stalled, and the Knights were able to run out the clock, finishing with a 21-10 victory.

"This is a huge step towards winning the conference," Willis said. "We've challenged ourselves every step along the way and still know there is work to be done."

Senior linebacker Matt Stoffel led the Knight sackfest with three, while senior J.J. Zearley added two and a half. The Knight defense also held Simpson to minus one yard on 24 rushing attempts.

On the offensive side of the field, quarterback Reed Hoskins ended the game 12 of 19 for 143 yards with his favorite target, senior wide receiver Chris Winter, making five receptions for 70 yards. Running back Andy Parker led the Knights on the ground with 23 carries for 89 yards and a touchdown.

Wartburg (6-0 overall, 5-0 IIAC) will next be in action Saturday at 1 p.m. against the Upper Iowa Peacocks (1-5 overall, 1-4 IIAC) in Fayette.

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STORM SANDWICH-Seniors Matt Stoffel and J.J. Zearly meet for a sack of Simpson's quarterback.

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Simpson proves strong

By AARON HAGEN
Staff Writer

Wartburg volleyball had its hopes of a second-place finish in the conference dashed Tuesday as the Simpson Storm rolled into Knights gymnasium, taking three out of four games en route to a third straight win over the Knights.

Wartburg won the first game 30-28 before falling 31-29 in the second. Simpson then closed out the match, winning two straight games after the 10-minute break.

"We played fantastic the first two games," coach Jennifer Walker said. "We came out of the break and were flat. We can't spot them six or seven points right away."

In an emotional first game, the Knights fell behind early 3-1 before a spike from junior Ranae Grafft pulled the team within a point. After a timeout, Wartburg went on an 8-2 run giving the team enough of a cushion to gain an early win. The two teams exchanged points back and forth with the Knights coming out on top 30-28.

The second game of the night was close throughout its entirety. Wartburg grabbed an early lead, but Simpson came back to gain the lead. Senior Amy Kueker's tip put Wartburg back in front with a 15-14 lead. From there, the Storm jumped out to another large lead before Wartburg battled back to tie the game at 28. Needing an extra point to win, Simpson came out on top 31-29.

After a 10-minute break between games, the Knights went cold, losing the third game 30-25 to go down 2-1. The fourth game also went to the Storm, 30-24.

Although the Knights came up short, junior Sara Olsen compiled 36 assists, surpassing the 1,000-assist mark for the season. Kueker led the Knights' team offensively with 15 kills and 18 digs. Freshman Sheena Treanor had 13 kills, while sophomore Megan Nieman added 12 kills. Senior Dia Dohlman turned in eight kills and 14 digs.

The Knights (17-9 overall, 4-2 IIAC) will travel to Fayette Tuesday for a match against Upper Iowa. Wartburg will be in La Crosse, Wis. Friday and Saturday for the Wisconsin-LaCrosse Halloween Classic. Wartburg's final home game will take place Tuesday, Nov. 6 against Coe College.

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Blocked- Junior Ranae Grafft (left)tips the ball while sophomore Megan Nieman(right) looks on.

Cross teams set to defend conference titles

By AARON HAGEN
Staff Writer

With the conference meet looming, the Wartburg cross country teams appear to be in good shape.

Competing in the Jim Drew Invite at UW-La Crosse Saturday, the men's top five all ran personal bests and finished fifth in the team standings, led by junior Josh Moen who placed second overall. The women's team, led by another first place finish from junior Missy Buttry, finished in second place.

Moen led the men's team with the second fastest time in school history while Buttry won the individual title on the women's side finishing six seconds off her school record. Moen's 8K time of 24:44.7 was good enough for second place, only three seconds behind champion Josh Spiker of the University of Wisconsin, while Buttry's time of 16:41 was a meet record and over a minute and a half ahead of second place Kristin Igielski (18:25) of Carroll College.

The men's team finished only three points behind Central Region favorite Nebraska Wesleyan, who finished fourth. Sophomore Jeff Davis was the Knights' second runner, placing 17th overall with a time of 25:45, which was a season-best for him and his first race under 26 minutes this year.

Junior Keith Solverson finished third on the team and 29th overall with a time of 26:12.

Senior Adam Tjeerdsma (26:19) was fourth for the Knights at 32 and sophomore Tyler Mueller rounded out the top five for the Knights at 41. Mueller's time of 26:35 was a personal record by 59 seconds.

On the women's side Buttry's individual title led the team to a second place team finish (116 points) behind ninth-ranked LaCrosse (84 points).

"I was close to setting a PR [personal record] it was a good race," Buttry said.

The 10th-ranked Knights beat No. 11-ranked Nebraska Wesleyan and No. 20 Luther College, who finished third and fourth, respectively.

Junior Beth Neal was second for the Knights with a time of 19:17, placing tenth overall. The next runner for Wartburg was junior Brooke Fergusen with a time of 19:48, 32 overall. Rounding out the Knights top five were seniors Liz Erickson (19:48) and Katie Croker (19:53), who finished 33 and 40, respectively.

The Knights' next meet is Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in Indianola as Simpson will host the IIAC Conference Meet.

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First win achieved against Norse

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Elevation- Junior Verne Houston goes for the ball in the Saturday game against Coe College.

By SEAN KANE
Sports Writer

The Wartburg men's soccer team kept itself in contention for the conference title with a pair of wins this week, including the school's first win against rival Luther College.

Wednesday Luther came to Waverly to take on the Knights in a conference match-up. Wartburg have never beaten the Norse in its soccer history. This statistic looked like it wouldn't change when the Knights went down early in the game on a defensive miscue.

Wartburg rallied behind that mistake and played the rest of the game practically flawlessly. The Knights went into halftime behind a goal and looking for the equalizer. They wouldn't wait much longer as sophomore Scott Hill rifled a shot past Luther goalie, Scott Pearson, on an assist from sophomore Kirk Artist to tie the game.

The game remained tied due to excellent goalkeeping by Pearson of the Norse and junior Collin Lane of Wartburg. No goals were scored in the rest of regulation, and the game went into overtime.

In the second minute of overtime freshman Harrison Kibombo-Lugujjo would sneak a goal through the Luther defense to win the game for the Knights.

"Verne (Houston) made a great play, and all I had to do was just put it in the net," Kibombo-Lugujjo said. "It felt great to score the game winner in such a big game against such a big rival."

After the win on Wendesday, the Knights took on Coe College to continue their fight toward a possible conference title. The match started out in Wartburg's favor with a header goal from senior Travis Kohl. The Knights went into halftime with the score 1-0.

Wartburg came out in the second half and scored quickly to gain a 2-0 lead. Hill, netted his 12th goal of the season. Coe would then answer back and shoot a ball past junior goalie Ian MacNaughton to make the score 2-1.

The Knights received an insurance goal from Kibombo-Lugujjo near the end of the game. With the win, the Knights secured their second place-standing in the Iowa Conference.

Against the Kohawks, the Knights had 22 shots on goal. Hill led the team with six shots on goal and Kibombo Lugujjo, Artist and junior Verne Houston each had three shots on goal.

"The men had a good week with two good wins over Luther and Coe. I was proud of how hard our men played against Luther. They had a great team effort to beat the Kohawks," Coach Jim Conlon said.

Wartburg is currently in second place in the Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standings, with a conference record of 5-1 . Loras is ahead of Wartburg by one win.

The Knights travel to Upper Iowa University in Fayette for a 3 p.m. game Tuesday.

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Struggles continue

By SEAN KANE
Sports Writer

The women's soccer team saw a golden opportunity to increase its chances for an Iowa Conference tournament berth slip through its fingers Saturday with a 1-0 loss to Coe.

Coe and Wartburg battled to a 7-7 tie in the first half. The Knights went into halftime tied with Coe.

Wartburg sophomore goalie Sarah Smart was able to hold the shutout in the first half with 6 saves. The Knights were able to withhold the Coe offense until the 69th minute of the game when they gave up a goal. Wartburg found it difficult to muster many scoring chances and lost the game 1-0.

"We didn't play well, we just couldn't put anything together as a team and we struggled most of the game." junior Annie Fox said.

The Knights fell to the Luther Norse 3-1 Wednesday at the Wartburg soccer complex.

Iowa Conference leading scorer Katie Pettigrew and the Norse's high powered offense would prove to be too much for the Knights early. The Norse's Sarah Braun scored 15 minutes into the game on an assist from Pettigrew. Pettigrew then set up teammate Ann Cary only a minute later to put the Knights down 2-0 at halftime.

Wartburg started the second half looking to score on the Norse. Nine minutes into the second half the Knights received the most they needed on a goal by junior Chelsea Krohe assisted by senior Tiffany Treanor. Smart kept the Knights in the game during the second half and recorded eight saves in the game.

Even though the Knights outshot the Norse 19-18 they were unable to shut down Luther's offense.

"The women played with a lot of heart and a great effort level to fall short to a talented Luther team," coach Jim Conlon said. "Against Coe, we could not get the ball to bounce our way. We played hard but could not put a total team effort together."

The Knights hope to get back on track Wednesday when they play Upper Iowa University in Fayette at 1 p.m.

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Wartburg inducts 8 into hall of fame

The Wartburg Hall of Fame welcomed eight new members into the class of 2003 homecoming weekend.

Norm Johansen coached the Knights football and wrestling programs to four conference championships. His 1958 squad was the first undefeated football team in the school's history.

Michael Hogan '84 was a four-time letter winner in wrestling. Hogan was one of two athletes in conference history to win four Iowa Conference titles. Hogan was a conference champion at 134 pounds in 1981 and 1982 and two more times at 142 pounds in 1983 and 1984. He was also a four-time national qualifier and was named the conference Most Valuable Player in 1983 and 1984.

Dr. Kris Kuper '88 was a four-time all-conference player in softball. She also received numerous awards in volleyball. Kuper was an academic All-American in softball. She received Wartburg's Hertel Award in 1987 for an outstanding performance in two sports.

Daniel Huston '85 remains the school record holder in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:02:81). A third-place finish in the 1985 NCAA Division III outdoor meet led Huston to become Wartburg's first NCAA All-American in men's track. Huston was killed in 1994 by a gun shot wound during an attempted car jacking. Wartburg College has since named the Wartburg cross counry home invitational in his name.

Scott Fritz '85 was a four-time letter winner in baseball and a two-time letter winner in football. In 1984 and 1985 he was baseball's Most Valuable Player. Fritz ended his collegiate career with 21 home runs which place him fourth in the college's history. He also had 28 career doubles and 88 RBI's.

Glen Colton '78 was one of the last three-sport letter winners at Wartburg. He won the league wrestling title in 1978, and in football he placed first or second in rushing in each of his four seasons.

Lisa Uhlenhopp '92 is the third all-time leading scorer in womens basketball with 1,707 points. She was a four-time letter winner and earned first team All-Iowa Conference honors in 1989 and 1992.

Bill Bleckwehl '77 was a four-time letter winner in both cross country and track. He was named the Iowa Conference MVP for cross country and track in the same season and was the Most Valuable Athlete for track in 1974. Bleckwehl was awarded of the Hertel Award. He also continues to hold the school record in the 1,000 run.